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US Department of State

*Regional Office - Ft. Lauderdale,
Florida*

Solar Showcase Project

Outdoor Lighting & Water Heating

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Solar Outdoor Lighting



Presentation Outline

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SOL Lights Operated All Through Hurricane Andrew



Before Hurricane Andrew
(Facing Northeast)



After Hurricane Andrew
(Facing Northwest)

Flat Panel, low wind profile, not connected to power grid -- provided light to community for two weeks until power restored



Federal Govt Installations

Agencies world-wide have installed SOL solar outdoor lights:

Army	Navy	Air Force	Marine Corps	NASA
Natl Guard		Army Reserves	Coast Guard	DOE
TVA		Justice	FAA	BLR
USGS	Park Service		Forest Service	GSA
	EPA		BLM	HHS
Engineers			State	Corps of
			NOAA	



Federal Applications for Solar Outdoor Lighting

Streets, Roadways

Jogging Tracks

Pathways

Fuel Stations

Boat Launches

Signs - All Sizes

Obstruction Lights

HazMat Storage

Parking Areas

Perimeter Security

Memorials

Playgrounds

Traffic Beacons

Airport Beacons

Remote Buildings

Ammunition Storage



State Department Ft. Lauderdale Project Background

- Present facility occupied after Hurricane Andrew
- No lights in parking lot presented security concerns
- Tim Arthurs (State Energy Mgr) contracted with Healey Assoc to survey possible solar applications
- SOL complete outdoor lighting analysis
- Healey & Assoc completed water heating analysis
- Both elements combined into one proposal
- Approval based on cost justified facility improvements and a State Dept Solar Showcase

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- Showcase project completed in Dec 2000



Project Development - Key Points

- Qualified Engineering firm did initial study, overall project management and follow-up training
- Single vendor with GSA contract completed project
- SOL designed layout, light placement, manufactured equipment and did installation
- Healey & Assoc designed and installed the roof mounted hot water system
- State Dept interfaced with one contractor



Quick and easy steps to pole installation



**Auger truck and pole are in position, direct burial pole,
pedestal base and anchor bolts not needed**



Auger Only The Area Needed



**With electric grid powered lights, the entire parking lot
would need to be trenched for laying conduit**



All Poles Installed In One Day With No Disruption To Parking



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Solar Unit Mounted At Top Of Pole



No connection to power grid allows installation to be completed without moving cars in parking lot



Flat Panel Solar Units, Installed On Direct Burial Concrete Pole



**This style unit is the same that operated all during
Hurricane Andrew**



Completed Parking Lot



These 16 solar lights eliminate utility bills, save 16,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year and avoid the pollution of: 16 tons of Carbon Dioxide, (global warming) 86 kg of Sulfur Dioxide (acid rain), 30 kg of Nitrogen Oxide (acid rain & smog) caused by fossil fuels.



Solar Powered Wall Units Increase Security



**Wall unit fitted with energy
saving 24 watt fluorescent
bulb**



**Roof mounted solar unit
connected by conduit to wall
light shown on left**



Solar Lights - Components

Parking Lot Lighting System

- o 130 watts of solar power each light
- o Standard cobrahead light fixture
- o 24 watt fluorescent bulb
- o Mounted on direct burial concrete pole
- o Unit & pole meet all So Florida building codes

Wall Mounted Light System

- o 85 watts of solar power
- o 24 watt fluorescent bulb
- o All metal colored to match building trim



Solar Powered Water Heating Summary of Key Points

- Eliminated storage tank & stand-by energy losses
- Instant heater microprocessor controlled
- Avoids low temp and possible legionella
- Conserves energy with safety



Solar Water Heater - Components

Solar Collector

- Roof mounted solar panel - 30 gal capacity
- Collector schedule - 22,100 BTU/Day
- Design Basis - thermal conversion technology

Instantaneous Water Heater

- Capacity MBTUH - 47.7
- Microprocessor controlled
- Adds heat only and if required



Showcase Project Summary of Benefits

- Security needs met with solar energy
- Independent light source - operates in Hurricanes
- Entire project procured under GSA Contract
- Cost effective - avoided extensive construction
- No disruption to workplace
- Outdoor lighting & water heating in one project
- Single POC for overall project management
- Completed on time and within budget
- Showcase project-replicable in all Federal Agencies



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